

INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Preschool News

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A NOTE FROM THE SUPERVISING TEACHER

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Pamela Haring, the interim supervising teacher for the elementary and preschool departments. I grew up in Minnesota but attended St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for 16 years. I went to Gallaudet University to earn my Bachelor of Science Degree. While living in Little Rock, Arkansas, I attended Western Maryland College to pursue my Master's Degree in Deaf Education.

I moved to Indianapolis about 17 years ago to do my student teaching practicum at ISD. The following year I got a job here as a teacher. Being here the last fifteen years, I have seen so many changes and have gained so much from my variety of experiences as classroom teacher, Deaf studies coordinator, American Sign Language specialist for the elementary department, and being on a variety of committees for curriculum work.

With my new appointment, I am looking forward to meeting each of you and getting to know each of you. Please feel free to stop by and visit the staff and children at school. Don't miss their work displayed in the hallway.

A friendly reminder- whenever you visit the classroom, please be sure to stop by the office to pick up a visitor's pass. Also, please feel free to call me at 920-6265 [TTY] via relay service. If you need to leave a message, please call Wendy Wiatrowski-Mansfield at 920-6256 [TTY].

Thank you and hope to see you soon.

Pamela Haring

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NEW FACES IN THE PRESCHOOL

Due to changes at ISD during the past summer, staff packed their stuff from offices and classrooms and moved to the most wonderful place in the wide world, preschool. One of the movers is Jonas Fenicle, the rad art teacher from the elementary and from that department come Sharon Mealka and Sue Marks. The transfers from the middle school are Michael Paulone and Beatrice Pfaff. From the SDC comes Nancy Bonura to the preschool. Also transferring from the Learning Resource Center is Rachel Stone and Diana Battiste from the Outreach Department. April Bippus came from the elementary dorm. And a substitute teacher also transferred, her name is Angi Walker. Scott Smith and Angie Smith join the preschool staff as sub teacher aides. Joining them are Danny Frank, Adreine Fenicle, sub teacher Cynthia Reynolds, Karen Satterlee, Kelli Jo Hancock, Michelle Donatello, Pat Collins, Peggy Baldridge, Tammi Peterec, and Wendy Wiatrowski-Mansfield.

WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Issue of the Preschool newsletter comes to you in response to parent wishes for a more timely listing of events and activities concerning their child. Longer articles of interest to the ISD community and student works will be covered in The Hoosier. The Preschool Newsletter will be published biweekly beginning Friday, September 22. Your comments, concerns, and suggestions about Preschool Newsletter are welcome and necessary if this publication is to meet the need for better communication between school and home.

MISSION STATEMENT

The community of the Indiana School for the Deaf provides a program that promotes academic excellence and the full emotional, social, intellectual, and physical development of its students through a Bilingual/Bicultural environment.

PHILOSOPHY

The program at the Indiana School for the Deaf reflects a Bilingual / Bicultural philosophy. Following this philosophy, the program provides for early language acquisition and facilitates the development of two languages, American Sign Language and English. For most Deaf students, American Sign language is the accessible, dominant language used for communication and thinking, while English is learned as a second language. By fostering competencies in these two languages and by providing an academically and culturally enriched learning environment, Deaf students have the opportunity to develop a sense of identity within the Deaf community. They also have the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to function effectively with members of the Hearing community.

Through a holistic experience of quality education and appropriate resources, Deaf students at the Indiana School for the Deaf have the opportunity to develop to their full potential in a safe, comfortable, and challenging environment.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 24-30 - Deaf Heritage Week

- Fall Homecoming Spirit Week

Sept. 30 - Homecoming Volleyball Game

at 3:00 P.M.

- Homecoming Football Game

at 4:00 P.M.

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FAMILY READING TIPS

1. Let your children see you reading and enjoying it! Keep books, newspapers, and magazines around the house.

2. Read to your children, not only at bedtime, but in any spare moment-waiting in the doctor's office or for a meal to be done. Read for the fun of it, not only for instruction.

3. Use television as a bridge to reading. Search out the better children programs and share them with your youngsters.

4. Remember, reading is fun, not a chore. Making reading pleasurable is up to you. Children who love to read begin a lifetime of discovery and enjoyment.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

The Central States Schools for the Deaf Basketball Tournament (CSSD) will be held on January 25-27, 1996 at ISD. This is a premier event at any Deaf school and, of course, we want our tournament to be the best. To do that, we need parent volunteers for a myriad of activities, from making posters to working in the hospitality room. Please help make this tournament a success by volunteering. Call or write to Marsha Wetzel at (317) 924-8408 TTY.

Dwight Casler

Assistant Athletic Director

NAME CHANGE

The Management Team has decided to change the name of the Spoken English department to its former name, the Communication Center.

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A Note from the Supervising Teacher

It was wonderful to see you last Sunday for Back to School Night! Thank you for sharing your feedback with me. Many of you expressed an interest to have it again. It is with pleasure to inform you that there will be an Open House for friends and family members of our ISD students sometimes in March. We will inform you the date and time later on.

There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, November 5 from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. in the Preschool Department. For more information, please call Adreine Fenicle 317-920-6256 (TTY) or via Relay Indiana Service 1-800-743-3333. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please read the information about the Fall Festival from our committee in the newsletter. We hope you will be able to join us and participate in the fun-filled activities.

This is to remind you that school will be dismissed at noon on Wednesday, October 25th. Have a wonderful Fall Break with your child(ren)!

Pamela Haring

Unattended Children at ISD Events

The Indiana School for the Deaf hosts several public events during the school year. It has been noted recently that people attending events with children are not supervising their children but letting them play unattended during the events.

Please advised that if children are not behaving appropriately during a public event when the parents are responsible, the family will be asked to leave the campus. The situation of unsupervised children at the ISD Homecoming game has raised several concerns about safety. This issue must be viewed seriously for the safety of the children and for the enjoyment of the spectators or visitors to campus.

Please feel free to contact my office (317-924-8400 TTY/Voice) should you have questions regarding the above information.

Sincerely,
George Stailey
Superintendent

Coaching Positions Available

The ISD Athletic Department would like to announce the coaching position opening for the Academic Year 1995-96 as follows:

High School

J.V. Boys Basketball Coach
J.V. Girls Basketball Coach
Varsity Cheerleading Coach

Middle School

Boys Basketball Coach (7&8 grade)
Boys Basketball Coach (5&6 grade)
Boys Basketball Asst. Coach (vol.)
Girls Basketball Coach (7&8 grade)
Girls Basketball Coach (5&6 grade)
Girls Basketball Asst. Coach (vol.)
Cheerleading Coach (7&8 grade)
Cheerleading Coach (5&6 grade)
Girl Track & Field Assistant Coach

Your involvement in our ISD athletic program will be greatly appreciated for student-athletes' well-being as well as for your professional enrichment.

If you are interested in any of the above position(s), please contact the Athletic Department at #924-8408 between 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. #924-8402 between 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. on weekdays for application, job description and interview.

Sincerely,
Marsha Wetzel
Athletic Director

October 20, 1995

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FALL FESTIVAL

The Preschool Department will have the annual big event, Fall Festival on Wednesday October 25th at 8:30 to 10:30a.m. We will have different activities for each station. They are listed below:

- * candy hunting in the leaves
- * decorate bags with stickers
- * decorate cookies (pumpkins)
- * make pumpkin's face (art)
- * big pumpkin toss
- * baked potato stamp on the large tree

COME ONE & COME ALL!!!

Danny Frank
Fall Festival Chairperson

Book Fair

Interim Superintendent Stanley has announced the celebration of the Scholastic Book Fair to be held in the Alumni Hall Library on November 13 - 17 from 8:30 to 2:30 daily. Scholastic Fairs is the company that has sponsored the ISD Book Fair for several years. Students and teachers have always been very pleased with the quality of the selections available.

We are sending home with your child a list of the books and materials that will be on display. Please look over the titles and write down your choices on the back of the list. Then send the list and money back with your child before the Book Fair. Checks should be made payable to PTCO (Parent-Teacher-Counselor Organization). DO NOT INCLUDE TAX!! Your child will have the opportunity to browse and make purchase at the Book Fair with his or her teacher. Parents are welcome to visit and/or assist with the Book Fair. Please call ahead if you can help.

We are grateful to PTCO for sponsoring this annual sale. All proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to purchase new books and educational materials for ISD's libraries. Cash and checks will be accepted for payment. C.O.D. orders cannot be accepted.

Many thanks for your continued cooperation and support for ISD's libraries.

Sincerely,
Linda Carty
Coordinator of Library Services

Bill Coffey Passes Away

ISD suffered a tragic loss when Bill Coffey, Parent/Infant Coordinator in the Outreach Department, passed away on October 11 at his home. Bill had held numerous positions at ISD over the years, making friends wherever he worked.

His unique talents, his sense of humor and his dedication to the students were apparent to all who met him. The entire ISD family extends condolences to his wife Cherie and sons Jordan and Taylor.

Girls' Volleyball Team CSSD Champions!

Congratulations to the Girl's Volleyball team for their championship performance at the Central States' Schools for the Deaf Volleyball Tournament held on October 14 at the Ohio School for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio. In the single elimination tournament, ISD's girls faced Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The team's strength was so superior that they never had to play third game against any one team. Their wins there upped their record to 17-1. The only unfortunate situation was that senior starter Julie Reis was injured and did not play after the first game.

When the team returned home, an all-school pep rally stared the week off in a spectacular way. They then continued their winning ways by beating Broad Ripple, a school with over 1,900 students. The large and loud home crowd provided plenty of support and encouragement, complete with boys flipping along the sidelines.

Parent Workshop Coming Up

Glenda Zmijewski will present a parent workshop on the new Language Arts curriculum on Sunday, November 19 from 1-4 P.M. the site will be announced soon.

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Children's Book Week

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Children's Book Week will be observed nationwide the week of November 12. Parents are encouraged to take their children to the public libraries in their hometowns for special programming and activities. ISD will celebrate this special occasion during the Scholastic Book Fair. Letter about the Book Fair is attached to this newsletter.

Linda Carty
ISD Librarian

Late Yearbook Delivery

Production difficulties have delayed the arrival of the 1995 yearbook. More information later. Thanks for your patience.

Orders for the 1996 yearbook are needed. If you or a family member has a business, we need your support. Yearbook funding comes solely from yearbook and advertising sales. Please contact Nancy Thomas, yearbook adviser, for more details.

Photo proof envelopes need to be returned to the yearbook staff NOW. Thanks for your cooperation.

Nancy Thomas
Yearbook Adviser

A Little Note For Parents From Your Child

1. Don't spoil me. Know quite well that I ought not to have all I ask for. I am only testing you.
2. Don't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it. It makes me feel more secure.
3. Don't do for me what I can do for myself. It makes me feel more secure.
4. Don't correct me in front of people if you can help it. I'll take much more notice if you talk quietly with me in private.

5. Don't make me feel that my mistakes are sins. It upsets my sense of value.

6. Don't be too upset when I say "that's you." I don't mean it, but I want you to feel sorry for what you have done to me.

7. Don't protect me from consequences. I need to learn the hard way sometimes.

8. Don't take too much notice of my small ailments. Sometimes they get the attention that I needed.

9. Don't nag. If you do, I shall have to protect myself by appearing deaf.

10. Don't make promises. Remember that I feel badly letdown when promises are broken.

11. Don't forget that I cannot explain myself as well as I would like. That is one reason why I am not always very accurate.

12. Don't tax my honesty too much. I am easily frightened into telling lies.

13. Don't be inconsistent. That completely confuses me and makes me lose my faith in you.

14. Don't put me off when I ask questions for information. If you do, you will find that I stop asking and seek my information elsewhere.

15. Don't ever think that it is beneath your dignity to apologize to me. An honest apology makes me feel surprisingly warm toward you.

16. Don't forget I love experimenting. I couldn't get on without it, so please put up with me.

17. Don't use force with me. I will respond more readily to being led.

Dates of School Events

Book Fair	November 13-17
Parent Workshop "New Language Arts Curriculum" by Glenda Zmijweski	November 19 at 1 to 4 P.M.

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WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED THANKSGIVING!

Happy Thanksgiving from the Preschool Department! We are going home to our families to celebrate Thanksgiving and to think of what things we are thankful for. What things are you thankful for?

Try not to pig out on the Thanksgiving dinner or you can't fit your clothes to come back to school!! Have a safe trip home!

THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a vital part of a healthy school. We wish to thank the following parents for volunteering during Deaf Heritage Week:

Lori Dille	Deb Robarge
Rebecca Pardee	Kenneth Chew
Kevin Schuitema	Tita Lewis
Mike Schwanke	Carla Strommen
Stephanie Baldwin	Mike Paulone
Lorna Sharer	Christine Landis
Heather Foreman	

If you are interested in volunteering for other events, please contact me at 317-920-6276 Voice or TTY. See flyers and newsletters for opportunities to volunteer.

Diane Hazel Jones
Director of Family Resources

TO LAUGH IS TO RISK APPEARING THE FOOL.

TO WEEP IS TO RISK APPEARING SENTIMENTAL.

TO REACH OUT FOR ANOTHER IS TO RISK INVOLVEMENT.

TO EXPOSE YOUR FEELING IS TO RISK EXPOSING YOUR TRUE SELF.

TO PLACE YOUR IDEAS, YOUR DREAMS BEFORE A CROWD IS TO RISK.

TO LOVE IS TO RISK NOT BEING LOVED IN RETURN.

TO LIVE IS TO RISK DYING.

TO HOPE IS TO RISK DESPAIR.

TO TRY IS TO RISK FAILURE.

BUT RISKS MUST BE TAKEN BECAUSE THE GREATEST HAZARD IN LIFE IS TO RISK NOTHING AT ALL.

THE PERSON WHO RISKS NOTHING, DOES NOTHING, HAS NOTHING, AND IS NOTHING.

THEY MAY AVOID SUFFERING AND SORROW BUT THEY CANNOT LEARN, FEEL, CHANGE, GROW, LOVE, LIVE.

CHAINED BY THEIR CERTITUDES, THEY ARE A SLAVE. THEY HAVE FORFEITED THEIR FREEDOM.

ONLY A PERSON WHO RISKS IS FREE.

LOVE UNLIMITED

20 MINUTES A DAY

Read to your children
Twenty minutes a day
You have the time.
and so do they.

Read while the laundry is in the machine;
Read while dinner cooks;
Tuck a child in the crook of your arm
And reach for the library books.

Hide the remote;
let the computer games cool,
For one day you children will be off to school;
"Remedial?" "Gifted" You have the choice;
let them hear their first tales
In the sound of your voice.

Read in the morning;
Read over noon;
Read by the light of
Good Night, Moon,

Turn the pages together,
Sitting close as you'll fit,
Till a small voice beside you says,
"Hey, don't quit."

SUGGESTIONS ON TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT DEATH AND LOSS

Discuss death with your child whenever he or she asks questions. Answer honestly in plain, simple terms rather than philosophically, keeping in mind that euphemisms cause confusion to children who think very concretely. Answer what is asked without giving more information than the child is seeking or can handle.

Assure your child that his or her anger or mean thoughts do not cause death. Children confuse the wish with the deed. It is normal for six-years old to express strong feelings, including the idea of killing someone and bringing them back to live in their play.

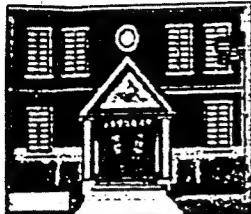
At his age, abstract thinking is not fully in place, death's permanence may not be understood until closer to age nine. Talk about and accept the feelings our child expresses; sadness, denial, irritability, guilt, relief, anger, and happiness at remembering are some of the emotions you might see. Share your own feelings verbally and nonverbally. Letting your child see your feelings normalizes his/her own. It is ok to cry, it is ok to not cry, and it is ok to laugh at fond memories.

Children aged six to nine think of death as a "taker" something that comes along and grabs you; it thus may be personified as a monster, burglar, or ghost and seem to be a pretty scary concept. They may think of death as contagious and wonder if someone else can catch it; their natural first thought will be of their own parents. It is important to distinguish between dying of a very serious illness and being sick with a simpler disease; people do become sick and die, but almost everyone who becomes ill survives.

This is a time to share your religious views about death with your child, using terms like, "Our family believes..." Letting them know that others may hold differing, yet also valid, beliefs helps children develop the strong bond of family which will feel very at a time of loss.

Are there other unresolved grief issues which may affect your child at this time? If a pet's death was recent, if a move is imminent, if any sort of family change is occurring, be alert for signals from your child (changes in behavior such as sleeping or eating patterns, anxiety, difficulty with separating, increased fears) that he or she may be trying to deal with more than just the most recent loss.

Because everyone is unique and special, no one person can be replaced. We can cherish memories of a dead loved one and still have room for caring for new people in our lives. Young children especially may be quick to share their lov-



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Please Welcome new Students

(Zachery Tolen, Morgan Geeslin, and Eliza Benson)

News from Jonas' class

We are learning  excited to about ARTISTIC PURSUITS, which intended to be self-directed reading, learning, reflection and performing arts. MEDIA ART is our dream because it will produce an incredible learning time.

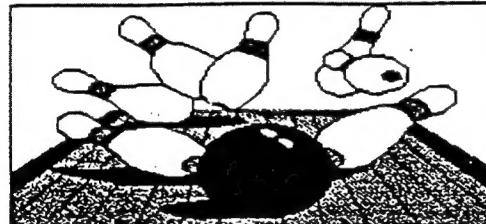
We love to do the learning through art. Art language is also involved in our classroom. A lot of the learning process comes through appreciation of Art work.

BIRTHDAY MONTH

Mark Alcozer
Dec 2
Jayla Heckman
Dec 3
Aaron Margolis
Dec 10
Breanna Huser
Dec 27



News from Prekindergarten Class



We, the Prekindergarten Students went bowling at Woodland Lanes. We learned how to take care of the large, shiny, smooth marble bowling balls. We did not realize that we had to bowl these balls carefully down on a long, narrow board. Some of us had to wait and watch the balls roll slowly. Finally the balls hit some or all of the pins.

We had a great time there. We want to go there again soon.

FLASH NEWS!

DECEMBER 8TH
OLDER HOOSIER DAY!

DECEMBER 15TH
NO SCHOOL
HOME VISIT (Teacher will contact you)

DECEMBER 18 - 22
STORYTELLING

JANUARY 20TH
STORYTELLING

NEW FROM ANGI'S CLASS

ଶିଖନ୍ତିରେ ବିଜ୍ଞାନାବଳୀ

The 3 and 4 years old students in Angi Walker's class have shows great improvement since the beginning of school. They are starting to pickup sign language quicker. One student, Tiara can finger spell her name without looking for help. Olivia and Breanna can almost spell their names, but still need a little help. They have learned their colors, shapes and counting 1-10.

Cynthia's class



Matthew Dille, Josh Ralstin, Gabriel Paulone and Ryan Dibble were so skilled building and painting the cardboard house. They enjoyed learning so much about the house. They saw various shapes, colors and counted the numbers.

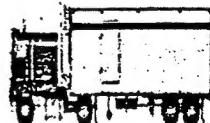
Next week we will go to Indiana State Museum, we will see Santa and ride on the train.

PARENTS (Beware!)

A lot of Preschool students are already looking forward to getting some toys for Christmas.

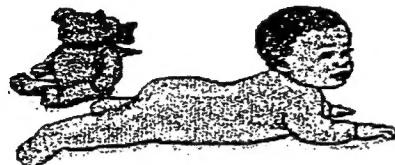
WARNING! it is almost time to buy gifts because our

theme for this week is about "TOYS"!



News From April and

Diana 's Classes



Nursery School will be closed on Tuesday, December 5th. Teachers will attend "Indiana Early Childhood Forum!!"

THANK YOU

Thanks to all those parents and staff who participated in the November 19 parent workshop, "How to Teach Reading and English to Deaf Children." The presenters were Glenda Zmijewski, Language Arts Coordinator, Guy Vollmar, Marie Kellum-Cook, Jill Lestina, Elementary Teachers; Teri Paulone, Middle School Teacher, and Mary Koovatch, High School teacher.

The staff and parent participants were Jerry Thixton, Leitha Whited, Lori Dille, Julie Brink, Vicki Gately, Lori and Fred Crohn, Steve Dille, Phil Dall, Rita Frye, Teresa Schmidt, Donna Frank, Sharon Schitema, Kristina Robinson, Peggy Sommer (teacher from Hanover), Mark and Darlene Magnobasco, Sharon McDaniel, Mary Schultz, Mike and Stephanie Ruddy, Scott Jensen, Renita Terry Sarah Kedrowitz, Shirley Hurt, Mary McClelland, Linda Krieger, Janet Jensen, Carla Strommen, Tami Hossler.

The next parent workshop, Family Storytelling Evening will be on Saturday, January 20. Look for flyers soon.

A new parent Room has been opened in Building 2 across from the Parent/Infant Office (*Louise Fitzpatrick's office*). The Videotape Library will be set up in that office. Diane Hazel Jones will keep her FRC office in Building 1, but she will spend mornings in Preschool and Elementary and afternoons in Middle School and High School.

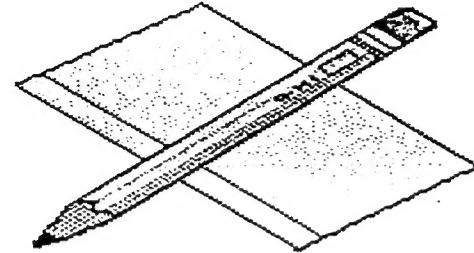
Many of the FRC videotapes have not been returned. We have numerous requests from parents to view those tapes. If you have a tape from the FRC office, please return them as soon as possible.

Diane Hazel Jones
Family Resource Director



Your Suggestion/Comment concerning Preschool Highlights are always welcome. Please direct them to me in care of the Preschool Department

Mike Paulone
Co Editor
Nancy Bonura
Co Editor



16 SKILLS KIDS NEED

- *Integrity-acting on what you know is right
- *Initiative-doing what needs to be done
- *Flexibility-being open to changing plans
- *Perseruerance-to keep on despite the odds
- *Organization-to plan in an orderly way
- *Sense of humor-to be lighthearted but not mean
- *Effort-doing your best
- *Common Sense-using good judgment
- *Problem Solving-using good judgement
- *Responsibility-acting when you need to
- *Patience-knowing how to wait calmly
- *Friendship-knowing how to make and keep mutually trusting friends
- *Couriosity-a hunger to explore and understand the world
- *Cooperation-knowing how to work together for a common goal
- *Caring-to show real concrn for others
- *Courage-facing dangers, difficulties, and fears head-on





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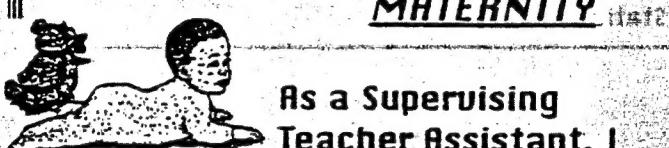
by Michele Donatello and Jonas Fenicle



Wow... There are so many events around us in America and the World celebrating the Holiday.....

The Winter has brought us back with "winter spirit." We are so excited because we can see students are getting excited too!

There are some interesting activities in our classroom such as blending our ideas with the students' ideas to produce our activities. It's hands-on materials and hands-on experience through our eyes. It's wonderful because it will develop our creative skill and how to combine our ideas with others' ideas for our final product.



MATERNITY

As a Supervising Teacher Assistant, I wanted to inform you that I will be on a 6 weeks maternity leave sometime in January. The baby is supposed to be due on January 18th. Kim Galagan, the substitute teacher, will cover my class during that time.

Adreine Fenicle, Pre Kindergarten teacher

I am excited to announce that I will be on 6 weeks paternity leave as soon as Adreine comes back from her maternity leave. We predict that will happen in early March. Kim Galagan will sub in my class for those six weeks.

Jonas Fenicle, Preschool Teacher

Michelle Donatello, Teacher Aide for Jonas Fenicle's class, is expecting to have a baby on July 14, 1996!

Again, I would like to let you know I am planning my maternity leave around the end of January for 6-8 weeks. My baby is due on January 31, 1996. I have a sub teacher to replace me. I am excited to have my baby this soon!

Tammi Peterec, Teacher Aide for Preschool

Nursery School

by April and Diana

***Field trip to Discovery Zone on December 21st. Leaving at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 1:00 p.m.**

***In process of helping make decorations for CSSD tournament, see our creations during CSSD tourney!**

***Students helped put up holiday decorations in classrooms.**

***Enjoy your 2-weeks Holiday Break!!!**

